



THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S UPDATE

REPORT TO THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP OF THE QUARTERMASTER CORPS

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Fellow Quartermasters:

I appreciate the support that each of you are providing every day to our Soldiers, the Army, and our Nation. Your outstanding contributions are making a significant positive impact on the Army's continued success.

As we carry on the duties and traditions of our Quartermaster Corps, our Army and the entire combat service support community are in the midst of profound change. Quartermaster Soldiers continue to support tactical commanders, their personnel, and their equipment, often performing their missions in dangerous environments. To prepare our newest Soldiers for the challenges they may face in combat, we are continually improving leader-development and tactical skills training, while continuing to train the essential Quartermaster technical skills.

Your knowledge, experiences, and oversight of Quartermaster Soldiers operating in the field are invaluable. Every member of the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School (QMC&S) is here to support you and your Soldiers. Let us know how prepared our Soldiers are, what skills they are proficient in, or what additional skills you would like to see them have when they reach your unit. We seek your advice and welcome open and frank professional discussions by e-mail; telephone; video teleconference; regular mail; or our web site at www.quartermaster.army.mil.

I encourage you to read Thomas L. Friedman's book, *The World Is Flat*, which graphically depicts influences that the internet and electronic communications are having on world politics, global economics, and other important world issues. It is more important than ever that we take full advantage of the resources available to us through the use of digital media. Resources such as Army Knowledge Online, the Sustainment Portal, and the LOGNet enhance and expand our circle of communication and influence, and help us communicate needs, concerns, and recommendations for training or equipment improvements. With digital technologies, we can communicate quickly and efficiently anywhere in the world within a moment's notice.

Finally, please encourage your best qualified Soldiers to submit Warrant Officer and Officer Candidate School (OCS) packets. For more information on that process, see Army Regulation 350-51 or visit www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant. Our Quartermaster Regimental Warrant Officer, CW5 Mike Toter (DSN 687-3702 or e-mail michael.e.toter@lee.army.mil) and our Quartermaster Proponency Officer, LTC Shawn Walsh (DSN 687-4178 or e-mail shawn.walsh@us.army.mil), are ready to provide assistance.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to our Nation, our Army, our Soldiers, and their families. I look forward to hearing from you. My e-mail address is mark.bellini@us.army.mil, or you can call me at (804) 734-3458 (DSN 687-3458), or (804) 502-0923. My fax number is (804) 734-3174.

Supporting Victory!

Mark A. Bellini
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JUNIOR OFFICER PETROLEUM COURSE MAKES ITS DEBUT

Graduates of the first Junior Officer Petroleum Course (JOPC) are now filling troop billets with a much greater understanding of the mechanics involved in providing liquid logistics (petroleum and water) to our combat forces.

The JOPC was established last spring as a Quartermaster petroleum leadership development initiative. The JOPC is conducted at the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School, Fort Lee, Virginia, where the Petroleum and Water Department is the proponent for this training. A primary motivation for developing the course is to better prepare Quartermaster lieutenants for their first duty as petroleum or water platoon leaders of organizations with petroleum and/or water logistics missions.

Unlike past assignments where the platoon noncommissioned officers had an opportunity to provide these critical skills via hands-on training, the current operations tempo and deployment requirements demand that these newly assessed lieutenants be able to make an immediate impact upon arrival at their units. Upon graduation, many of these officers will deploy directly to support the ongoing Global War on Terrorism units. The JOPC is structured to ensure the lieutenants understand the fundamentals of petroleum and water logistics at the tactical level. This course involves two weeks and two days of intense hands-on training with both petroleum and water equipment. Students are required to meet the same standards their Soldiers are expected to achieve. Additionally, the course includes two written examinations to validate the training and to ensure course objectives have been met.

During the petroleum phase, the students are required to setup and operate to standard the following petroleum equipment: Fuel System Supply Points, Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks (HEMMT) Tanker Aviation Refueling System, Advanced Aviation Forward Area Refueling System, Forward Area Refueling Equipment System, and Assault Hoseline. The petroleum phase also provides opportunities for students to perform preventive maintenance checks and services on the equipment. Students get to service 350 gallon per minute (GPM) filter separators, 350/600/800 GPM pumps, the HEMMT refueler and the M969 Petroleum Tank Semitrailer.

Finally, the petroleum phase includes fuel terminal operations training culminating with the students moving JP8 through the terminal manifold system to conduct rail tanker car receipts and issues. In order to better understand and address theater level petroleum support once deployed, students travel to Fort Pickett, Virginia to train first-hand on the employment and operation of the Inland Petroleum Distribution System.

During the water phase of the JOPC, students get an opportunity to conduct a water reconnaissance mission to identify potential water purification sites. This reconnaissance includes conducting key water quality test, estimating the yield of the water source, and assessing the site for improvements to support both the production and distribution of water. Students are presented with multiple potential sites and must analyze these sites to determine the best operational area.

During the water phase, the students are required to employ to standard the following water equipment: 600 and 300 GPH Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Units, Water Quality Analysis Sets: Purification, Forward Area Water Point Supply System, Tactical Water Distribution System, Semitrailer Mounted Fabric Tank, and the M1098 Hardwall Tanker.

In addition to the employment and operation of this equipment, students are provided classroom training on equipment which will soon be fielded to support the water mission within the modular Army. Training is conducted on the Tactical Water Purification System as well as the Lightweight Water Purifier.

The JOPC is providing trained Quartermaster lieutenants to fill and lead the Army's petroleum and water platoons. The training will greatly enhance the value of these Soldiers and will reduce the traditional train-up period that officers in the past have had to receive at their first duty station. Building leaders for both today and tomorrow, JOPC graduates will be ready to lead their Soldiers and will greatly enhance their value to both the Army and the Joint Warfighter.

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JOPC students conduct aviation refueling operations exercise.

MORTUARY AFFAIRS SOLDIERS GIVE DIGNITY, REVERENCE, AND RESPECT TO FALLEN HEROS

Mortuary Affairs Specialist (military occupational specialty 92M) continue to provide dignity, reverence, and respect for our fallen heroes in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kuwait. They do so through a series of Mortuary Affairs Collection Points (MACPs) in the forward areas, a Theater Mortuary Evacuation Point (TMEP) at Camp Doha, Kuwait, and a Theater Personal Effects Depot, that is co-located with the TMEP. All points were staffed by members of the 246th Quartermaster Company (Mortuary Affairs) until they were relieved in October 2005 by a sister unit, the 311th Quartermaster Company (Mortuary Affairs). Both U.S. Army Reserve units are headquartered in Puerto Rico.

Mortuary Affairs Soldiers labor daily in conditions that rival those of any previous conflict. The heat is oppressive, the days are long, and the dangers they face are the same as those faced by other personnel in these theaters of war. Mortuary Affairs Soldiers are not immune because of the tasks they perform. As with many units, short staffing is sometimes a problem for our MACPs. However, because of the efforts of Theater Mortuary Affairs Officers, who care deeply for their Soldiers and the mission they perform, these staffing issues are currently being resolved.

Forensics processing protocol has changed the manner in which Mortuary Affairs Soldiers perform their mission on the battlefields of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Gone are the days of extensive documentation of wounds and injuries to the remains. These tasks have been replaced by handling procedures designed to protect vital forensic evidence. Tasks include ensuring that



Mortuary Affairs personnel often work in harsh environments treating the remains of Soldiers with dignity, honor, and respect.

individual body armor and Kevlar helmets, worn by the deceased at the time of death, are also evacuated through the Mortuary Affairs channels of evacuation to the port mortuary at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. There the remains and all clothing and equipment are examined by the Armed Forces Medical Examiner (AFME) or his representatives. These examinations are necessary to ensure that the AFME can answer all questions concerning the cause and manner of death of the deceased and respond to questions from family members concerning the death of their loved one.

Today's Mortuary Affairs Soldiers are serving honorably in what many regard as the most honorable of all fields. Although the number of fatalities may have been far greater in Korea or Vietnam, the conditions under which today's Mortuary Affairs Soldiers serve are no different. They are performing at the same high standards that their predecessors maintained and are serving with honor and professionalism. POC is Douglas Howard, Deputy Director, Mortuary Affairs Department, DSN 687-3831.

RANGER BATTALIONS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD QUARTERMASTERS

The 75th Ranger Regiment recently expanded its list of military occupational specialties (MOSs) to include several combat service support functional areas. The 75th Ranger Regiment is a U.S. Army Special Operations Light Infantry Unit and has been actively engaged in the Global War on Terrorism since October 2001.

Support personnel play a key role in maintaining unit readiness and are an integral part of daily operations at home and abroad. The 75th Ranger Regiment recognizes the benefits of having a complete support element that is organic to the unit. Support positions are new to the Rangers so they are looking for motivated Soldiers to be a part of their first generation of support personnel. The Soldiers who fill these positions will define the 75th Ranger Regiment's support operations while performing duties critical to continued mission success in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Among the enlisted Quartermaster MOSs desired by the 75th Ranger Regiment are several Quartermaster enlisted and officer MOSs. They include enlisted 92A, Automated Logistical Specialist; 92F, Petroleum Supply Specialist; 92G, Food Service Operations; 92R, Parachute Rigger; 92Y, Unit Supply Specialist; and 92W, Water Treatment Specialist. Quartermaster warrant officer positions sought include: 920A, Property Accountability Officer; 920B, Supply Systems Technician; and 921A, Airdrop Equipment Technician.

Maintaining a qualified group of support Soldiers for a frontline warfighting unit engaged in continuous combat operations requires knowing the latest in technology, tactics, techniques, and procedures. The 75th Ranger Regiment

emphasizes ongoing training and education.

They are resourced to develop exceptional combat proficiencies

and the emphasis is not limited to the unit's infantry Soldiers. Support Soldiers regularly have the opportunity to attend a variety of military and civilian schools relative to their respective MOS to enhance their combat readiness and personal abilities.

Every Soldier brings something to the fight regardless of whether it is combat expertise or food service expertise or some other MOS. Ranger Soldiers are trained to provide the high level of support required for this elite unit's demands.

Soldiers in the new positions will be permanently assigned to the regimental headquarters or one of the three geographically dispersed battalions in Georgia and Washington.

Rangers were among the first troops on the ground during the initial stages of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Interested Soldiers may contact the 75th Ranger Regiment for more information. Initial entry Soldiers should call (706) 545-2617 or DSN 835-2617. Permanent party Soldiers should call (703) 325-5566 or DSN 221-5566. Soldiers are encouraged to visit the U.S. Army Special Operations Command news service at <http://news.soc.mil> for up-to-date news and background information about the 75th Ranger Regiment.



AHRENS NAMED DISTINGUISHED MASTER LOGISTICIAN

Each year the Department of Logistics and Resource Operations of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) presents the MG James M. Wright Distinguished Master Logistician Award, which recognizes the top logistician in each graduating class. MAJ Sean F. Ahrens, Quartermaster Corps, is this year's Distinguished Master Logistician.

MAJ Ahrens was commissioned in 1990 after graduating from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Production Management. He has also completed a fully-funded advanced civil schooling program at Cornell University in January 2000 and received master's degrees in Industrial Labor Relations and Materiel Science. His military training includes the Support Operations Course, Materiel Acquisition Management Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Combat Developments Course, Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, Petroleum Officer Course, Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, and the U.S. Army Airborne School.

His most recent assignments include executive officer, 505th Quartermaster Battalion; support operations officer, 10th Area Support Group; and commander, Joint Logistics Support Element for Joint Special Operations Task Force - Philippines. His operational experiences and military education helped prepare him to conduct mission analysis and successfully develop a concept of support for the final phase of the Master Logistician program.

"I am extremely honored to have been a part of this competition," Ahrens said. "All of the competitors deserve congratulations for their outstanding performances. I could not have finished without the loving support of my wife and sons as well as the past mentorship of a long list of outstanding logisticians including Major General Wright. His direct leadership style during morning physical training at Fort Lee taught me the importance of knowing all the details about my company. He continues to be a role model and strong motivator in my life. It is a distinct pleasure for me to accept an award named in his honor."

Winning the award is not the only benefit of the Master Logistician program. The program provides an expanded learning experience beyond the CGSC curriculum and a chance to combine the knowledge from each block of instruction into one operation. The scenario tasked the three finalists to develop a concept of support for an independent corps operation in a country with minimal support infrastructure. Serving as the corps G4 planner, they were each tasked to create a support plan that included force deployment; executed reception, staging, onward movement and integration; supporting defensive operations so the corps could build combat power to initiate offensive operations; transitioning to stability and support operations; and culminating with force draw down and redeployment. After graduation, Ahrens departs Fort Leavenworth for Joint Forces Command at Norfolk, Virginia, where he is slated to serve as a joint logistics staff officer.

The Distinguished Master Logistician competition is open to all active, Reserve, National Guard, sister service and international students in the current CGSC class. The program is broken down into three distinct phases. First, the candidates take a written logistics examination that encompasses a wide range of subjects, from corps logistics to finance operations. The students who score the highest are advanced to the second phase. These students are also designated Master Logisticians. In the second phase, the candidates appear before a board of logisticians who ask a series of scenario-based logistics questions. Those candidates demonstrating superior knowledge and poise are then advanced to the third and final phase and are designated Distinguished Master Logistician Finalists. Phase three is an oral presentation before a board of senior logisticians. The candidates are given a corps-level force projection scenario and have seven days to develop a concept of support. The three-hour session is a thorough evaluation of the candidates' application of current doctrine, conceptual abilities and communication skills.

Competition finalists also included MAJ Deacon Maddox, Ordnance Corps, and MAJ Mark Swafford, Medical Service Corps.

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SEARCH FOR WARRANT OFFICER CANDIDATES MEETS WITH SUCCESS DURING GERMANY

CW5 Michael Toter, Quartermaster Regimental Chief Warrant Officer at the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School (QMC&S) and SGM Joseph Brundy, from the Office of the Quartermaster General, Enlisted Proponency Office, traveled to Germany in September to brief Quartermaster Soldiers on current Quartermaster proponency-related issues. Multiple briefings were conducted in Kaiserslautern, Wiesbaden, Dexheim, and Bamberg, Germany to the 21st Theater Support Command, 3d Corps Support Command (COSCOM), and multiple subordinate units. The briefings covered a range of enlisted, officer, and warrant officer topics. Feedback on the briefings was extremely positive, with many proponency related questions coming from the field. The briefings were well supported by commands as well as Soldiers in attendance. A leading theme for the enlisted Quartermasters is the current search for motivated and qualified Soldiers to become candidates for warrant officers.

Following an initial meeting with BG Scott G. West, Commander, 21st Theater Support Command, in Kaiserslautern, SGM Brundy gave the enlisted briefing, and CW5 Toter gave a recruiting brief to the enlisted Soldiers and a

separate briefing to the officers. In Wiesbaden, CW5 Toter briefed officers, had lunch with the local Warrant Officer Association, and met with several senior warrant officers, while SGM Brundy met with senior noncommissioned officers.

SGM Brundy then traveled to Dexheim, Germany, where he presented the enlisted briefing and also solicited warrant officer candidates. CW5 Toter remained in Wiesbaden and presented briefings to the 3d COSCOM Soldiers and had an office call with BG Rebecca Halstead, 3d COSCOM Commander. CW5 Toter and SGM Brundy also briefed Soldiers from outlying areas near Bamberg, Germany. Several Soldiers expressed interest in becoming warrant officers and commissioned officers. Trips like this one help bring up-to-date information to the field on important new programs designed to improve the knowledge and quality of life in the Quartermaster Corps.

If you are interested in receiving a similar briefing, contact our Quartermaster Regimental Chief Warrant Officer, CW5 Mike Toter at DSN 687-3702 or e-mail michael.e.toter@lee.army.mil.

2006 QUARTERMASTER REGIMENTAL HONORS PROGRAM

The Quartermaster Regimental Honors Program is accepting nominations for consideration by the 2006 Honors Panel Review Board. The honors program consists of three distinct categories to recognize truly outstanding individuals and units (both past and present) who have helped fulfill the Quartermaster Corps' mission, or have brought credit to the Regiment over the course of its proud history.

The Quartermaster Hall of Fame Program is the highest form of recognition the Quartermaster Regiment offers. This honor is reserved for those who are judged to have made "the most significant contributions to the overall history and traditions of the Quartermaster Corps." The Distinguished Members of the

Regiment Program honors selected individuals who have made "distinguished contributions to the Quartermaster Corps," and who, by virtue of prestige, status, and experience, "will assist in fostering Regimental pride and esprit, heritage, and tradition."

The Distinguished Unit of the Regiment Program recognizes truly outstanding units that have made significant contributions to the Quartermaster Corps.

To view eligibility requirements and nomination procedures, visit the Regimental Office web site: www.quartermaster.army.mil/oqmg/Regimental_office/index.html.



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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Authorized Abbreviations, Brevity Codes, and Acronyms

1. The U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency is the Army's proponent for Army Regulation (AR) 25-52, Authorized Abbreviations, Brevity Codes, and Acronyms (ABCAs), published 04 Jan 05. Through the use of automated tools, the ABCA on-line database can be accessed at <https://www2.arims.army.mil/abbreviation>.
2. Standardized ABCAs are to be used throughout the Department of the Army. The policies and procedures found within AR 25-52 should be referred to when preparing, to include but not limited to, military records, messages, publications, and correspondence. The ABCA on-line database permits searches for ABCAs as they are currently reflected in the database. Proponents developing and revising publications have the ability to submit and request additions, deletions and changes. Please keep in mind that command, agency, and installation unique terms will not be reflected in the database.
3. Request widest dissemination to ensure HQDA staff, major commands, installations and field operating agencies follow the guidelines found within this regulation. For assistance in reviewing and ABCA information on-line contact Christie King, commercial (703) 428-6441; DSN 328-6441; or E-mail: abca.admin@rmda.belvoir.army.mil. Technical issues or difficulties queries should be directed to help@rmda.belvoir.army.mil.

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